

sea buoys providing real-time information needed to detect and issue warnings for tsunamis generated in the Pacific Ocean.

Furthermore, NOAA, in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Geological Survey, partners with all 29 coastal States, Territories and Commonwealths in the United States to reduce the impact of tsunamis through the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program.

These programs save lives. The House-passed continuing resolution would decrease funding for NOAA by approximately \$450 million. Funding increases in recent years have allowed NOAA to strengthen our Nation's tsunami warning capabilities by expanding the operating hours and geographic areas of responsibility for both tsunami warning centers. Making drastic cuts to the NOAA's budget would severely impair our Nation's ability to warn citizens of potential disasters. Maintaining this funding is critical.

As Japan recovers from the deadly earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011, I continue to pledge my support for the people of Japan and keep all those affected by this tragedy in my thoughts and prayers.

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 131) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 131

Whereas a tsunami is a series of ocean or sea waves generated by a sea floor disturbance, such as an earthquake, landslide, volcanic eruption, or meteorite;

Whereas a tsunami could occur during any season and at any time;

Whereas a tsunami is a threat to life and property for all coastal communities, and tsunamis have caused serious injuries and millions of dollars in property damage in the United States;

Whereas the danger posed by a tsunami cannot be eliminated, but the impact of a tsunami can be mitigated through community preparedness, timely warnings, and effective response;

Whereas tsunamis historically have posed the greatest hazard to Hawaii, Alaska, California, Oregon, Washington, American

Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, tsunamis also pose risks to all ocean coasts of the United States;

Whereas Federal, State, and local officials have partnered to coordinate a national effort to reduce the impact of tsunamis through the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program;

Whereas the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service operates 2 tsunami warning centers, the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center and the West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center, that detect potential tsunamis and issue warnings;

Whereas Tsunami Awareness Month provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of tsunami preparedness and to encourage the people of the United States to take steps to be better prepared for tsunamis at home, work, and school;

Whereas the people of the United States can prepare for tsunamis by finding out if their home, school, workplace or other frequently visited locations are in tsunami hazard areas, and by identifying evacuation routes; and

Whereas additional information about tsunami preparedness may be obtained through TsunamiReady at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, at [www.tsunamiready.noaa.gov](http://www.tsunamiready.noaa.gov): Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 2011 as "Tsunami Awareness Month"; and

(2) encourages the Federal Government, States, localities, schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and other applicable entities, along with the people of the United States, to observe Tsunami Awareness Month with appropriate events and activities to promote tsunami preparedness.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 1255

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 1255 has been received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1255) to prevent a shutdown of the government of the United States, and for other purposes.

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will have its second reading on the next legislative day.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today, it recess until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time until 12:40 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half; that at 10:40 a.m., Senator AYOTTE be recognized to deliver her maiden speech to the Senate; and that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of S. 493, the small business jobs bill, as provided for under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, Senators should expect a series of up to seven rollcall votes to begin at approximately 4 p.m. in relation to amendments to the small business jobs bill.

#### RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:35 p.m., recessed until Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

#### DISCHARGED NOMINATION

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination pursuant to the order of January 7, 2009 and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to an order of January 7, 2009:

\*JONATHAN ANDREW HATFIELD, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

\*Nominee has committed to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.